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Dear Mr. Strawbridge:

### REGULATORY UNIT (RU) PARTIAL APPROVAL OF ABAR-W375-00-00012, TAILOR SRD FIRE SAFETY CRITERIA AND ASSOCIATED IMPLEMENTING STANDARDS

The Regulatory Unit (RU) has completed its evaluation of the subject Authorization Basis Amendment Request (ABAR) which was transmitted by letter CCN 012921, "Transmittal of Authorization Basis Amendment Requests," dated April 24, 2000, and associated BNFL safety evaluation. ABAR-W375-00-00012 provides proposed tailoring to the requirements of the Safety Requirements Document (SRD), Section 4.5 Safety Criteria and the associated implementing standards.

Based upon the enclosed RU safety evaluation, ABAR-W375-00-00012 is partially approved. Specifically, with a few exceptions (e.g., Sections 5.3.1 and 11.4 of DOE-STD-1066-97), the RU approves those portions of the amendment dealing with clarification of the safety criteria and implementing standard requirements. Details are provided in Appendix A. Those portions of the amendment dealing with the deletion of safety criteria and implementing standard requirements associated with program interruption, loss potential, property protection, recovery potential, and the selection of specific fire protection features are not approved by the RU. The basis for the proposed tailoring was the privatized nature of the project. Given the recent action by DOE to terminate the contract with BNFL, this tailoring of the safety criteria and implementing standards is no longer warranted.

As part of the amendment implementation process, please submit the revised pages of the SRD and an SRD revision page identifying all revisions to date no later than July 28, 2000. This amendment is effective immediately and shall be fully implemented by July 28, 2000. Please advise the RU if you are unable to complete this task prior to contract termination.

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Nothing in this letter should be construed as changing the Contract (DE-AC27-96RL13308). If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact me or Robert W. Griffith of my staff on (509) 372-2821.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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